

**DODGE COUNTY  
LAND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
127 EAST OAK STREET  
JUNEAU, WI 53039  
JUNE 30, 2014**

The Dodge County Land Conservation Committee (LCC) met on June 30, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Nelson at 8:30 AM with the following members present: Ed Nelson, Dale Macheel, Gerald Adelmeyer, Howard Kriewald, Bill Muche, Larry Bischoff, and Bill Foley.

**Other Dodge County Board Members, Dodge County Staff and Agency Advisors Present:** Marc Bethke, Dodge County Land Conservation Department (LCD) County Conservationist; John Bohonek, Dodge County LCD Engineering Technician; Jim Mielke, Dodge County Administrator; and Nathan Fikkert, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist.

**Others Present:** Ruth Johnson, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND PERMIT CHAIR TO DEVIATE FROM AGENDA TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT MEETING:** Motion by Kriewald to approve the agenda and to permit the Chair to deviate from the agenda to efficiently conduct the meeting, seconded by Muche. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ed Nelson pointed out that the May 19, 2014 meeting minutes should be amended to reflect the change in the June meeting date from June 23, 2014 to June 30, 2014. Motion by Kriewald to approve the minutes of the May 19, 2014 with an amendment to show the change of the June meeting date from June 23, 2014 to June 30, 2014; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCES/COMMENTS:** Ruth Johnson, Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Commissioner, spoke briefly to clarify that a letter addressed to the Land Conservation Committee from the Lake Sinissippi Improvement District will be forthcoming, requesting that the committee consider taking action to encourage and increase the installation of conservation buffers along Dodge County waterways.

**AGENCY ADVISOR REPORTS:** Nathan Fikkert reported on significant work activities and issues of the Juneau USDA-NRCS Field Office. Nathan also announced that he has taken a different position with the agency, and will be leaving his position at the Juneau Field Office by the first of August, 2014.

**REVIEW OF BILLS AND REVENUES:** The committee reviewed bills and revenues as shown on the attached listing.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW AND REVISED CONSERVATION PLANS:** Motion by Bischoff to approve signing new and revised conservation plans; seconded by Kriewald. Motion carried.

**MANURE MANAGEMENT ISSUES IN DODGE COUNTY AND WISCONSIN – CONSIDER ADVOCATING FOR STATE LEVEL ACTION:** The committee spent considerable time discussing the various issues pertaining to liquid manure management, including some of the challenges that are associated with handling liquid manure. There was also considerable discussion as to whether or not to request some form of state level action to help reduce some of the challenges that counties, towns, rural residents and farmers have been facing related to liquid manure handling practices. Committee members were encouraged to think about this specific subject during the next four weeks, and to come back to the July 2014 monthly meeting ready to share their thoughts on the matter.

**MANURE STORAGE ORDINANCE PROJECTS STATUS REPORT:** John Bohonek presented a report on the status of on-going projects under the Dodge County Manure Storage Ordinance (see attached report).

**LAND & WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM STATUS REPORT:** Marc Bethke presented a report on the status of on-going cost-share projects under the Land & Water Resource Management Program.

**COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST MONTHLY REPORT: SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES, MEETINGS AND OTHER ISSUES:** Marc Bethke presented the monthly County Conservationist's Report (see attached report).

**COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:** Bill Foley reported receiving information related to a proposed nitrate reduction project for the Drew Creek Watershed, located on the north side of Fox Lake. To move forward, the project is in need of over \$300,000 in funding. Bill pointed out a news article that he had found regarding how groundwater supplies are being depleted.


**CORRESPONDENCE:** Copies of the minutes of the May 13, 2014 Lake Sinissippi Improvement District Meeting were distributed to Land Conservation Committee members. Marc Bethke reported that new contracts can once again be accepted into the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). It was also reported that the Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Summer Tour will be held on Wednesday, July 30<sup>th</sup> in Sauk County.

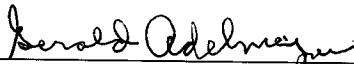
**PER DIEMS:** Motion by Bischoff, seconded by Kriewald to approve the regular per diems, in addition to the following:

Bill Muche – Southern Area Association Spring Meeting on June 9, 2014 – per diem and mileage to Juneau. Motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, July 28, 2014 beginning at 8:30 AM in Room 3A of the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business to come before this committee, motion by Kriewald to adjourn at 10:30 AM; seconded by Bischoff. Motion carried.

  
Ed Nelson, Chair

  
Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary

**Disclaimer:** The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.

## LAND CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT BILLS & REVENUE

### (BILLS)

Joe's Auto Service - Maintenance/Repairs to LCD Vehicles =	\$	128.00
Hotel Mead - Lodging for Marc Bethke at County Conservationist		
Meeting =	\$	70.00
Marc Bethke - May Expenses =	\$	<u>120.96</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>318.96</u></b>

### (REVENUE)

Two Landowners - Tree Planter Rental Fees =	\$	40.00
FPP Service Fee Payments (101 Received) =	\$	<u>2,525.00</u>
<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>2,565.00</u></b>

## **JUNE ANIMAL WASTE ORDINANCE REPORT**

Dustin Brunn(Trenton) – Project under construction

Ryan Kittel(Burnett) – working on transfer design.

Andy Schraufnagel(Leroy) – surveyed and working on design.

Steve Ries(Lomira) – surveyed site and working on design.

Dale Redlin(Ashippun) – Design completed. Will start soon.

Ken Gault(Rubicon) – Updating existing storage. Equip.

Mike Pamperin(Herman) – wants storage and transfer. Equip.

Mark Mueller(Lomira) – wants storage. Equip.

Gary Wiepking(Lomira) – wants temp. storage.

Kooiker Calves(Fox Lake) – wants storage. WPDES.

Travis Paul(Fox Lake) – stacking pads completed.

Carl Reible(Leroy) – New Freestall, Parlor and temp storage

Andrew Feucht(Herman) – new freestall and temp storage.

Larry Bulwalda(Trenton N) – Planning new storage

Bruce Walker(Trenton N) – wants to build storage

## **JUNE 2014 COUNTY CONSERVATIONIST REPORT**

### **SIGNIFICANT WORK ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS:**

- Researched information and issues related to creating a county-wide conservation buffer ordinance
- Field checked residue management practices for conservation plans on farms that have participated in the nutrient management farmer training program
- Assisted Jon Duckert in conducting the annual county-wide soil erosion survey
- Assisted many Farmland Preservation Program participants with questions and other issues related to their annual conservation compliance certification
- Took several calls regarding erosion and runoff issues caused by the 10-12 inches of rainfall that fell during the first three weeks of June – provided assistance as needed
- Participated in Southern Area Land & Water Conservation Association Spring Meeting via teleconference with Bill Muche on June 9, 2014